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This is a request for filing a:

[X] continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

[X] Enclosed are copies of 12 sheets of specification and 2 drawing sheets (all of which constitutes the specification and drawing in this application) and the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.

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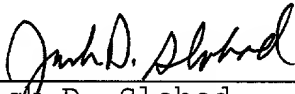
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- [X] Please charge the filing fee calculated above, plus any additional fees which may be required except for the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.
- [X] Priority of application Serial No. 9727011.0, filed on December 23, 1997 in Great Britain, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [X] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/216,261.
- [X] This application is assigned to U.S. PHILIPS CORPORATION by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/216,261.
- [X] Address all future communications to Corporate Patent Counsel, Philips Electronics North America Corporation, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591.
- [X] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
- [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.
- [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- [X] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.



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